(c) to (e) With a view to popularize sports culture among student youth, it has now been decided to organize competitions for Sports and Games in schools from District to National level on a regular basis. These competitions shall be coordinated in various States by Sports Authority of India. The guidelines have already been issued in this respect to the State Governments.

New Sports Policy

66. PROF. M./M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized to formulate a new Sports Policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed policy; and

(c) by when the above policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir. At present, the National Sports Policy 2001 is under implementation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial assistance to T.N. for sports Infrastructure

67. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal seeking financial assistance for sports infrastructure from Tamil Nadu Government;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the details of amount allocated for creation and development of sports infrastructure in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The status of the proposals received during the last 3 years (2001-02 to 2003-2004) from the Government of Tamil Nadu under the Schemes of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure" and "Grants for Installation of Synthetic Surfaces" have been indicated in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) State-wise funds are not allocated under the Schemes for sports infrastructure. Admissible Central assistance is provided depending upon the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government/UTs etc.